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EXTRACT *of a Letter Received the* 16th *of this Inſtant* March $\frac{1710}{11}$, *by the Royal* African-Company, *from Sir* Dalby Thomas *their Chief Agent on the Coaſt of* Africa, *dated the* 3d *of* Auguſt *laſt.*

I Could not but think, but that your Honours look'd into your Accounts, and that you conſidered your Circumſtances here, as well as at Home; and that it being more for your Honours Intereſt to have wanted Gold at Home, rather than your People ſhould be forced to deſert your Forts for want of Victuals. I could not ſuppoſe, but that your Honours intended to take care of your Forts, and would ſupply us with more Goods; but tho' I was never given to deſpond, now I muſt own I begin to deſpair of having Relief in Time.

* Captain *Imping* lay a conſiderable while in this Road, a making Trade, and ſelling Perpetts at Four Ackeys and a half each, and was ſo Malicious to your Honours, as publickly to declare that he would not ſell any thing to the Caſtle, tho' he never had been asked to ſell any thing, and had been civilly Entertain'd whilſt on Shore; but ſo Ill-natur'd ſome Men are, that they will rather ſuffer in their Voyage, and ſpoil others Trade, by ſelling Cheap to the Blacks, than to let your Honours have a Cheap Pennyworth: But it happening, that we had a great many Traders and no Perpetts, and being informed what *Imping* had impudently given out, to ſhow the Blacks his Contemning your Honours, I ſent Gold on Board † Captain *Thorne*, and directed him to go on Board *Imping*, to buy Perpetts at Four Ackeys and a half each, which he did; and I thought it was better to give that Price, than to let the Traders go away for want of Perpetts: And *Imping* finding they were bought for the Caſtle, as the Cannoe was coming on Shore, he fired a Shot in your Road at the Cannoe, and by it brought her on Board; And then he threatned to whip the Fellows for Deceiving him.

* Note *Captain* Imping *is a Private Trader.*

† *Captain* Thorne *is Maſter of a Ship belonging to the Company.*

They make the Act of Parliament Subſervient to them, and only Binding to your Honours, to Subject your People as Vaſſals to them.

In the Box * is alſo an Information of Mr. *Timothy Fiſh* of *Succondee*, relating to the deſign of the *Dutch* General bringing War there on your Friends, but I hope I have put a Stop to it.

* *Refers to a Box of Papers in the* Scarbrough *Man of War, who is not yet Arrived.*

COPY *of a Repreſentation to an Account Incloſed in the ſame* LETTER, *and Sign'd by Sir* Dalby Thomas.

Note, THE *Dutch* at this time are making War againſt your *Cabaſhires* at *Succundee*, and we ought, were we able, to Aſſiſt your *Cabaſhires*, the *Dutch* being altogether in the wrong, having no Real Cauſe for what they do, of which more at Large in my Letter by this Conveyance.

Note, Cabaſhires *are Cheif Governours.*

By your Remains, your Honours may ſee how long we can Subſiſt, could all the Goods above mentioned be Sold in due time, which cannot be Expected.

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Therefore it is our Opinion, that we cannot well Support the Coaſt Longer, than until the laſt of *September*, tho' the *Dutch* ſhould not Play their Underhand Knaviſh Tricks, which they will always do, when they know it is Low with us.

To give your Honours a View at once of your Circumſtances here, this Account is Drawn, all which being done with a Good Intent, and that it may be ſo taken by Your Honours, is the Deſire of

A True Extract and Copy *Your Honours moſt Obedient*

Atteſted by *Humble Servant.*

John Pery *Secretary.* Dalby Thomas.

By this it muſt Evidently appear, that what the Company have ſo often, and ſo long Aſſerted, in Reſpect of the Danger of the Loſs of their Settlements in Africa, *and thereby of the Loſs of that Beneficial Trade to this Nation was Real and not Pretended, and the Conſequences muſt be Fatal, unleſs ſome Speedy and Effectual Care be now taken, which the Company are not in a Condition to do, without the Aſſiſtance of Parliament.*

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